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Acts and conduct are stigmatized as being frauds on the public where false representations are addressed to all the world.¹ A court will not lend its aid to enforce a transaction that would work a fraud on the public² or on third persons.³

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Footnotes

¹ [Seven Cases v. U.S.](#), 239 U.S. 510, 36 S. Ct. 190, 60 L. Ed. 411 (1916); [State v. W.S. Buck Mercantile Co.](#), 38 Wyo. 47, 264 P. 1023, 57 A.L.R. 675 (1928).

² [American Mfg. Co. v. Crescent Drug Co.](#), 113 Miss. 130, 73 So. 883 (1917).

³ [Am. Jur. 2d, Contracts § 273.](#)